
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 327

AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER LICENSES.

SUMMARY:

This bill directs the Department of Consumer Protection to amend its regulations to allow a licensed professional engineer to take a hiatus from practicing in Connecticut by surrendering his or her license to the State Board of Examiners for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors at the beginning of the hiatus and receiving a new license at the end. The bill provides that the professional engineer would not be required to pay the \$225 annual license renewal fees for the period of the hiatus to receive a new license, as is currently required in some cases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Professional Engineers' License Renewal

By law, a professional engineer is a person qualified by reason of his knowledge of mathematics, the physical sciences and the principles of engineering, acquired by professional education and practical experience, to engage in engineering practice. This includes providing or offering to provide clients with any professional service such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design or responsible supervision of construction, in connection with any public or privately-owned structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works or projects in which the public welfare or the safeguarding of life, public health or property is concerned or involved.

Under current license renewal regulations, a professional engineer whose license lapses may renew up to five years after the lapse without reapplying for a license, but must pay the (1) \$225 renewal fee

for each year the license was invalid and (2) renewal fee for the upcoming year. The applicant must also submit a notarized letter describing any engineering experience since applying for a license. Professional engineers who do not renew within five years after the license lapses must reapply for a license, fulfill all the current application requirements and pay all accompanying fees.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)